

Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Rural health care takes individuals of rare strength, fortitude and intellect, demonstrated most especially by that small town doctor who exhibits care, compassion, and an undying commitment to patient care; and,

Whereas, Dr. Tom Dean was selected as the 2009 *Practitioner of the Year* by the National Rural Health Association for his leadership in bringing health services to rural populations and providing outstanding care, involvement in his community, and for making lasting contributions to the health care and improving the lives of rural Americans; and,

Whereas, Dr. Tom Dean has practiced medicine in the Wessington Springs, Woonsocket, and Plankinton area for more than 30 years as a family medicine specialist in Horizon Health Care's community health centers, is a member of the medical staff at Avera Wesskota Memorial Medical Center in Wessington Springs, and serves as a clinical professor of Family Medicine with the Sanford School of Medicine at The University of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Dr. Dean received a Bush Foundation Medical Fellowship in 2002, and serves on the Board of Directors for the Bush Foundation Medical Fellowship. He is also a member of the South Dakota Academy of Family Physicians, serves on the Board of Directors of the Wessington Springs Area Community Foundation, and is a member of the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) advising Congress on issues affecting the Medicare Program; and,

Whereas, Dr. Dean will be recognized in Wessington Springs on June 11, 2009, for his commitment to continuing health care, for being a strong link to sustaining and enhancing access to rural health care services, and for the ongoing success of the medical facilities in South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 11, 2009, as


DR. TOM DEAN DAY

in South Dakota, and I join his family and friends as they recognize Dr. Dean for his commitment to rural health care.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

